

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action dated September 24, 2010.

No claims are amended, claims 54-150 are canceled, and new claims 151 - 188 are added; as a result, claims 151 - 188 are now pending in this application.

The Rejection of Claims Under § 112

Claims 54, 56, 57, 60, 61, 64, 66-75, 77-83, 88-95, 97, 103, 105, 111-114, 117-119, 133-137, 141 and 145-150 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claims 54, 56, 57, 60, 61, 64, 66-75, 77-83, 88-95, 97, 103, 105, 111-114, 117-119, 133-137, and 141 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

Each of these claims has been canceled herein. As such, the §112 rejections have been rendered moot. The Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the §112 rejections.

The Rejection of Claims Under § 102

Claims 97, 105, and 111-116 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Stefik et al. (U.S. 5,629,980).

Claims 117-144 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Shear et al. (U.S. 4,827,508).

Each of these claims has been canceled herein. As such, the §102(e) and §102(b) rejections have been rendered moot. The Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the §102(e) and §102(b) rejections.

The Rejection of Claims Under § 103

Claims 88-90 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Stefik et al. (U.S. 5,629,980).

Claims 55-83 and 95 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Stefik et al. (U.S. 5,629,980) in view of Ogawa et al. (U.S. 4,967,403).

Each of these claims has been canceled herein. As such, the §103(a) rejections have been rendered moot. The Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the §103(a) rejections.

New Claims

Claims 151 - 188 are newly presented herein. Support for the new claims may be found in the specification, such as at pages 4-5, 9-11, 13-14, 16-19, and 21-25 of the originally filed specification, inter alia. Applicant believes that no new matter has been introduced in the added claims. Additionally, Applicant respectfully submits that the new claims are patentably distinct over the references currently cited as a basis of rejection.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and allow the newly added claims.

CONCLUSION

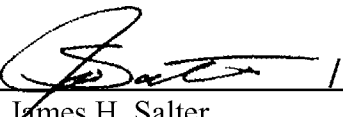
Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (408) 406-4855 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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